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MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: May 16, 2018 at 7:30 AM

Present: Kaye Peltier, Lee Ayotte, Steve Walinsky, Kevin Higginbottom, Marie Kosiba, Stuart Mulhane, Richard Townsend, Sarahbeth Persiani, Edna LaPan, Joyce Ostrowski and COA Executive Director Judith O'Connor

Absent: Betty Hamilton

VOUCHERS:

Vouchers were signed at this meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Rick Townsend, seconded by Steve Walinsky. Joyce Ostrowski abstained. Vote: unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a letter from the Trustees of the Millbury Public Library asking us to be part of their "Mammoth Cheese Day" program; this is where all the different town departments spend June 9, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM educating and informing the townspeople of what they offers for services and programs. The board members volunteering to represent the COA to do this are Steve Walinsky, Edna LaPan.

We received a notice that June is Alzheimer & Brain Awareness Month and informational materials are available for us. The slogan is the "Go Purple"

We received a letter from Helena Brown, the outreach director, of Lifesong Church in Sutton. They would like to do a community service event on June 16th. They will be coming to the Senior Center and assisting with clearing the hill just above the garden area.

We received an E-mail from the Town Planner requesting a Senior Work-off person to drive the DPW water truck every 2 weeks to water the flowers in the big pots. Ms. O'Connor checked with HR and the Senior Workers are not allowed to drive town equipment.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Ms. Peltier reported that the budget was passed at Town Meeting and that we received additional funds. She will have Ms. O'Connor check to see what line items the money will be put in. The senior work-off program was again approved for \$20,000 with a change in the hourly wage amount going from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per hour. The maximum amount to be earned in a calendar year remains at \$1,500.
- B. Personnel – No updates to report.
- C. Nominating – Ms. Peltier stated that Edna LaPan, Sarahbeth Persiani and herself are up for reappointment. They all agreed that they would like to be reappointed by the Board of Selectmen for another 3 year term. A motion was made by Mr. Walinsky that Lee Ayotte, as Clerk, will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the re-appointments to the Council on Aging Board. Seconded by Mr. Townsend. Vote Unanimous. To date Ms. Peltier has not had a response from the Board of Selectmen regarding the concerns of how the town Charter covers appointments. There will be no further action taken by the Atty. General
- D. Legislative – The COA's are looking for \$12.00 per elder for the town in next year's formula grant. The Board members also discussed the Census that is currently being used in the formulas which is from the year 2000. The U.S. Census will be done in 2020.
- E. Senior Center Usage – No requests at this time.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment – Ms. O'Connor reported that there are some issues with the new low flush toilets. We have had to call the plumber twice to unclog and fix the issues. The Board members asked Ms. O'Connor to call Aquarion to discuss the issues. The DPW director has not been available to visit the center regarding the flooding issues.

Director's Report – Ms. O'Connor reported that we received a grant in the amount of \$2,150 to start our "Memory Café". Ms. O'Connor is applying for a renewal of the SNAP Grant in order to increase the hours for our Outreach worker. We are getting a new Shine representative to replace Bob, who has been with us for many years. He has taken a paid position with the Shine Program. Ms. O'Connor explained that all the representatives that work at the different Senior Centers are all volunteers and do not get paid. Our Hearing clinic was extremely well attended and we had to ask the technicians to add additional appointment times.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elder Services of Worcester/Nutrition Program- Ms. Peltier reported on their budget. The noon luncheon menu was explained by Ms. LaPan. She explained the alternate lunches and how it worked with the congregate site and the MOW program. The MOW clients would never get the alternate lunch they would always receive the hot meals.

Intergenerational Programs/Friendly Visitor - Ms. O'Connor reported that we are currently working with the teens to pair them up with the elders who need work done around their homes. The computer classes are on Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 and are still well attended.

Elder Service Work-off Program – We are looking for additional individuals to participate in this program. The DPW department would like one more person.

Millbury Federal Credit Union Gift: The dedication is planned for May 19th at 1:00 PM. We have sent invitations to all the Selectmen, MCU Board members, all the town departments and the entire Grahn family and their friends.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boston Post Cane: No report

Master Plan up-date: They are holding an informational workshop for the town's people on June 5th, from 7 PM to 9 PM here at the Senior Center. They are going to priorities the future needs for the Town. Results of the survey sent out that was done by the Bridgewater State Univ. studnts were announced. About 1000 surveys were returned from the town's population.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 AM by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote Unanimous.

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. O'Connor

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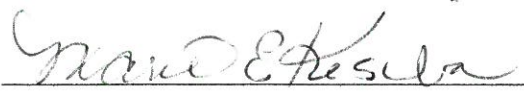


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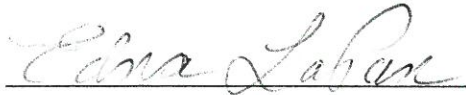
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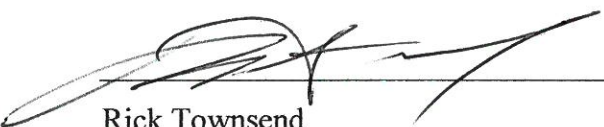
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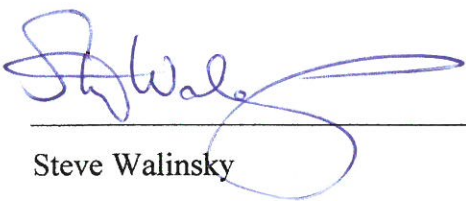
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